Docket No.

236399US0X

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Mechthild RIEPING, et al.

SERIAL NO:

): 10/616,309

GAU:

1651

FILED:

July 10, 2003

EXAMINER:

FOR:

PROCESS FOR THE FERMENTATIVE PREPARATION OF L-AMINO ACIDS USING STRAINS OF THE

ENTEROBACTERIACEAE FAMILY

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed
references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English
translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.

A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.

A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

CERTIFICATION

Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication
from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of
this statement.

□ No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check or credit card payment is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND, MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Norman F. Oblon

Registration No. 24,618

Roland E. Martin Registration No. 48,082

Customer Number

22850

Tel. (703) 413-3000 Fax. (703) 413-2220 (OSMMN 05/03)



LIST OF RELATED CASES

Docket Number	Serial or Patent Number	Filing or <u>Issue Date</u>	Inventor/ Applicant
218162US-0-X	10/076,416	2/19/02	RIEPING, et al.
220496US-0-X	10/114,073	4/3/02	RIEPING, et al.
220494US-0-X	10/114,043	4/3/02	RIEPING, et al.
220492US-0-X	10/114,048	4/3/02	RIEPING, et al.
236399US-0-X*	10/616,309	07/10/03	RIEPING, et al.

^{*}Present Application; listed for information NFO/sbr